

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on January 19, 2016 at 8:00 pm.

The meeting opened with a Pledge to the Flag. Present were Mayor Thomas J. Tweedy, Trustees Dominick Longobardi and Kevin M. Fitzgerald, Village Administrator Gerard M. Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan E. Walsh, Superintendent of Building Department and Superintendent of Public Works Stephen L. Siwinski, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, Fire Chief Brian Naughton and Village Attorney John E. Ryan

Trustee Lynn Pombonyo was excused from attending the Board Meeting.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Tweedy swore in the newest member of the Floral Park Police Department, Police Officer Christie Softy, in the presence of her family and friends along with many members of the Department. Mayor Tweedy said Christie, a daughter of Floral Park, plays an important gender role in serving our community along with her strong leadership qualities. Mayor Tweedy said he is proud to say that Christie joins a long line of Blue who have served this Village with honor and distinction.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of:

January 5, 2016	-	Public Hearing – 58 S. Tyson Ave.
January 5, 2016	-	Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-06 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$802,599.73
Swimming Pool	\$ 77.10
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$802,676.83

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Longobardi and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Absent
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of The Floral Park Historical Society to use the Recreation/Pool Buildings for their 2016 programs/meetings on the Sundays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm as follows: February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, September 18, October 2 and November 13.

Recreation Center

Trustee Longobardi reported that the Recreation Center is quiet during the cold winter months; however, winter/spring program registration is ongoing. The Recreation Center is currently open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Leisure Pass applications are being accepted from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Belmont Task Force

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that as most residents are now aware, the kickoff rally on January 12, 2016 was an overwhelming success. Over 2,000 residents came to Floral Park Memorial High School to hear the speakers that were presented by the Task Force. They included:

- Floral Park-Bellerose School Board President Laura Ferrone who discussed the impact due to the proximity to Floral Park-Bellerose School;
- Sewanhaka Central High School Board President David Fowler who discussed the impact due to proximity to Floral Park Memorial High School;

- Our Lady of Victory School Board President Kerry Boyle who discussed the impact due to proximity to Our Lady of Victory School;
- Floral Park Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister who discussed traffic and crime;
- West End Civic Association President Perry Criscitelli who discussed the impact to homes;
- Wednesday Mothers' Club President Terry Paterno who discussed the impact on raising a family;
- Floral Park Chamber of Commerce President Michael Jakob who discussed the impact on local businesses.

Media coverage of the event included all metropolitan news stations including Eyewitness News, local news stations including News 12 and FIOS 1, Newsday and other local media. For those who may have missed the event or were unable to get into the building due to the standing room only crowd, Four Village Studio taped the event. They hope to have it posted on their website shortly and have special broadcasts on television.

The Task Force met again last night and is actively planning the next steps, including reaching out to all those you have volunteered to assist.

Trustee Fitzgerald thanked the members of the Task Force for their efforts in putting the rally together and their continued efforts as we go forward.

Please remember to keep up to date by visiting www.nobelmontcasino.org and <http://www.facebook.com/fpvillage/>.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Tweedy commended the Chairman of the Belmont Task Force, Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald, for the great work he has done. There are presidential candidates who don't get as many people to show up at a rally! This is what makes Floral Park a unique place to live; the talents of so many people who freely give to this community and continue to give to this community. Mayor Tweedy also thanked Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick and Village Clerk Susan Walsh and so many others who were a part of this team.

Mayor Tweedy said he and Trustee Pombonyo attended the Floral Park Historical Society luncheon held at Stella's. It was a great afternoon and a wonderful turn out of approximately 40 people at the event. The Historical Society is working on the finishing touches on their new home on South Tyson Avenue which they hope to have completed by April 1.

Mayor Tweedy said he attended the funeral for Ex-Fire Chief Stanley Grodski. Stanley, a life-long resident of Floral Park, served 75 years as a member of the Floral Park Fire Department, serving in every capacity on the local level, at the Battalion level and twice as Nassau County Fire Commissioner. Stanley was a man who was greatly respected by all and deeply loved by his family. Mayor Tweedy thanked Fire Chief Naughton for the fine turn out of the Fire Department at the funeral.

U.S. Representative Kathleen Rice held a meeting at her office on January 12th with Mayors and Trustees along the proposed Third Track expansion, including the Villages of Mineola, New Hyde Park and Garden City, in which she listened to their concerns. Four of the Mayors had previously served as Trustees when this expansion was originally proposed back around 2004. Representative Rice will be meeting with the MTA in the next few days to share these concerns. She will then reassemble the Mayors and move forward with strategies to make sure this project is 'dead on arrival'. Floral Park is the gateway to Long Island and to impact this mature, heavily populated area of Nassau County with this kind of mega-project when other more viable proposals have been suggested needs to be stopped. However, Mayor Tweedy said the MTA will have very high hurdles to jump over before this project can get off the ground.

Mayor Tweedy reported that Trustees Longobardi and Pombonyo attended a public hearing scoping session regarding the U.S. Department of Transportation proposed Northeast Corridor Expansion held at the Nassau County Municipal Building on the same day he attended the meeting with Representative Rice. Mayor Tweedy thanked the Trustees for their attendance at this important meeting and that we must remain vigilant on this issue.

Mayor Tweedy said that on Saturday, January 16th, Ex-Captain Joseph Petrucci was honored for his 35 years of service to the Floral Park Fire Department. Mayor Tweedy described Joe as a man of good humor who has supported the Fire Department in so many ways and has inspired other members to do the same. The Mayor congratulated Joe and his family for their service and sacrifice and he thanked the Department for their service as well.

The Mayor stated the Village Board Meeting will continue in his office with Department Heads after a brief recess and the public is invited to attend.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy recessed the meeting at 8:20 pm.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy reconvened the meeting at 8:25 pm.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, the Board went into executive session at 8:34 pm to discuss potential litigation matters. On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, the Board came out of executive session at 9:00 pm. No action was taken.

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-07 authorizing Village Attorney John E. Ryan to prepare charges against Department of Public Works employee Joseph Serviss and appoint a hearing officer in accordance with Civil Service Law.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Absent
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-08 approving the request of Village Clerk Susan Walsh to permit AAA Taxi to repair one of their vehicles that was parked and struck by a Village-owned vehicle driven by a Public Works employee at the lowest quote of \$1,825.00 submitted by Cris Automotive Corp.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Absent
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-09 authorizing Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to sign the proposal and agreement with Quarksoft for the website redesign for a term of one year.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Longobardi and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Absent
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-10 to approve the hiring of Timothy Fowler as Laborer in the Department of Public Works at the contractual rate of pay of \$33,767.00, subject to passing the alcohol and drug screening and approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Longobardi and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Absent
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-11 to approve the hiring of Michael Gould as Laborer in the Department of Public Works at the contractual rate of pay of \$33,767.00, subject to passing the alcohol and drug screening and approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Absent
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-12 to approve the hiring of Celestine Newton as School Crossing Guard, Part Time at the contractual rate of \$15.15 hr., subject to passing the alcohol and drug screening and approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Longobardi and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Absent
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-13 to approve the hiring of Darlene Lanza as Secretary to the Board of Review at the annual rate of pay of \$45,000.00, subject to the approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Absent
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

There being no further business, Mayor Tweedy closed the meeting at 11:15 pm.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk